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CANDIDATES ISSUED CIVIL PENALTIES AT ENFORCEMENT HEARING

Olympia – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Michael Connelly, issued civil penalties for violations of state Public Disclosure law during brief enforcement hearings held Thursday in Olympia.

Four legislative candidates were assessed civil penalties for failing to timely file a summary of contributions and expenditures (PDC Form C-4) for the 21-day pre-general and the 7-day pre-general election report for the election held on November 2, 2004.

State Representative Donald Cox, candidate for the 9th Legislative District, was found to have violated state law by failing to timely file the 7-day Pre-General C-4 report and was assessed a civil penalty of \$100.

John David, candidate for State Senate in the 8th Legislative District, was found in violation of state law by failing to timely file the 21-day pre-general election C-4 report and was assessed a civil penalty of \$500 with \$250 suspended subject to no future violations of the disclosure law for a two year period.

Pedro Gonzales, candidate for State Representative in the 39th Legislative District, was found in violation of state law by failing to timely file a complete 21-day pre-general election C-4 report and the 7-day pre-general election C-4 report. He was assessed a civil penalty of \$200 with \$50 suspended subject to no future violations of the disclosure law for a two year period.

Jerad Koepp, candidate for State Representative in the 8th Legislative District, was found in violation of state law by failing to timely file the 21-day pre-general election C-4 report and was assessed a civil penalty of \$100. In lieu of payment of the penalty, Connelly accepted an offer by Koepp to perform community service in a like amount and in a manner subject to approval by the Commission Executive Director.

Connelly also found **Mike DeVleming**, mayor of the city of Spokane Valley in 2004, in violation of state law for using city facilities and email systems to produce electronic messages in support of the Dino Rossi Campaign for Governor.

DeVleming was a table captain for a Rossi for Governor fund raiser in Spokane and exchanged emails with the campaign using public facilities. He was assessed a civil penalty of \$150 with \$100 suspended.

A complaint against **Karen Moran**, a candidate for City Council in the City of Sammamish in 2003, for failure to timely report an in-kind contribution from the King County Republican Central Committee in the 2003 election cycle was dismissed by the Chair.

Persons found in violation at the hearing will have an opportunity to ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.

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